

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 36-45.

Add new claims as follows:

CLAIMS

Claims 1-45 (cancelled).

Claim 46 (new): A metal working fluid consisting of essentially an ester containing a bromo-nitro moiety.

Claim 47 (new): The metal working fluid ester of claim 46 wherein said ester is an alkyl or allyl ester.

Claim 48 (new): A metal working fluid comprising:

A metal working fluid containing a sufficient quantity of an ester containing a bromo-nitro moiety to prevent bio-degradation of said metal working fluid.

Claim 49 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 48 wherein said ester is an alkyl or allyl ester.

Claim 50 (new): A metal working fluid containing a sufficient quantity of an alkyl or allyl ester with a bromo-nitro moiety attached to a single carbon atom to prevent bio-degradation of said metal working fluid.

Claim 51 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing a surfactant.

Claim 52 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing a corrosion inhibitor.

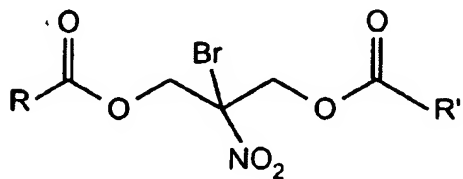
Claim 53 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing a fatty acid.

Claim 54 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing an oil.

Claim 55 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing water.

Claim 56 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 50 further containing a base.

Claim 57 (new): A metal working fluid consisting of essentially an ester containing a bromo-nitro moiety of the following structure:



where R and R' can be same or different and are chosen from the following, alkyl, allyl, alkenyl, with 1 to 22 carbons.

Claim 58 (new): The metal working fluid ester of claim 57 wherein said ester is an alkyl or allyl ester.

Claim 59 (new): A metal working fluid comprising:

A metal working fluid containing a sufficient quantity the metal working fluid ester of claim 57 to prevent bio-degradation of said metal working fluid.

Claim 60 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 59 wherein said ester is an alkyl or allyl ester.

Claim 61 (new): A metal working fluid containing a sufficient quantity of the metal working fluid ester of claim 57 to prevent bio-degradation of said metal working fluid.

Claim 62 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 61 further containing a surfactant.

Claim 63 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 61 further containing a corrosion inhibitor.

Claim 64 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 61 further containing a fatty acid.

Claim 65 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 61 further containing an oil.

Claim 66 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 61 further containing water.

Claim 67 (new): The metal working fluid of claim 61 further containing a base.